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WHY SAYAT ZHOLSHY & PARTNERS?

Our Law Firm has been successfully operating in the Kazakhstan market since 25 December 1998 where it gained a reputation of a highly professional team striving to provide high quality legal services that meet international best practices.

The high standing of the Firm is backed by such international rating agencies as *The Legal 500*, *Chambers and Partners*, *asialaw Profiles*, *IFLR1000* and *Who's Who Legal*.

Sayat Zholshy & Partners is the guarantee of confidentiality, international standards of practice, high level of professionalism and team spirit.

Our attorneys and lawyers excel in such areas of law as M&A, Corporate Law, Antitrust Law, Tax Law, Litigation and Arbitration, Finance and Securities, Labour Law, Family Law, Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Intellectual Property, Mineral Resources Management and Licensing.



«THE BEST KAZAKHSTAN LAW FIRM»
by the Annual Forum of Corporate Lawyers

«THE BEST ATTORNEYS' OFFICE»
by the Kazakhstan Union of Attorneys

WE HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITATIVE LEGAL GUIDES:





SZP Senior Partner Arman Berdalin was recommended by
Who's Who Legal: Corporate Governance 2019 as a corporate governance expert



"A major force in M&A," asialaw Profiles



"Sayat Zholshy & Partners is strongest in corporate and M&A work where it has historically acted in some landmark transactions in the banking sector," IFLR 1000



"Sayat Zholshy & Partners has a highly professional team with ample knowledge of law coupled with business approach. We recommend this team particularly for a deeper look at information and legal analytics," The Legal 500.



CORPORATE LAW / CORPORATE GOVERNANCE / M&A

The SZP Corporate Law/Corporate Governance/M&A practice is justly recognized as one of the best in Kazakhstan. Primarily, it is proved by our clients' confidence and by the projects we participate in.

Our team has successfully consulted not only private investors in Kazakhstan and abroad but also quasi-government entities in Kazakhstan, Russia and China, as well as international financial institutions.

This practice is headed by Arman Berdalin, an attorney-at-law and practitioner with over 20 years of experience recommended by such international rating agencies as *Chambers and Partners*, *The Legal 500*, *asialaw Profiles* and *IFLR1000* as a leading Kazakhstan specialist in *Corporate Law & M&A*. Among numerous flattering references we could single out the following one: *"Arman Berdalin wins praise for his sound corporate and M&A experience. He has made a mark in this field both as a lawyer and as a scholar. Interviewers are impressed with his determination, organizational skills and flair at presenting matters"*.

Arman has considerable experience in structuring and closing transactions for the sale and purchase of businesses (over 100 targets whose total asset value is estimated at billions of US dollars), and settling differences between shareholders. Arman is continuously involved in new joint venture projects where he is required to work on, *inter alia*, shareholder agreements, and elaborate articles of association, regulations and other documents.

As a head of the Nur-Sultan SZP office Arman maintains ongoing contact with quasi-government companies. Arman also managed the project for legal support of newly established Kazakhstan Integrated Centre for Coordination of Special Economic Zones.

Arman is also experienced in dealing with international development institutions. Over three years, Arman represented SZP in an IFC project (a member of the World Bank Group) aimed to improve corporate governance in Kazakhstan. Moreover, Arman led an SZP project for provision of services to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in an effort to review and reform Kazakhstan joint stock company legislation.

Arman is an adjunct professor of the M.S. Narikbayev KAZGUU University. Arman regularly makes presentations at conferences both inside and outside Kazakhstan, and conducts seminars and workshops on the most pressing legal and practical issues (e.g. Samruk-Kazyna Corporate University and Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research). Arman also gives open and in-house seminars for such major market players as Philip Morris Kazakhstan, KazMunayGas and others.

In 2019, Senior SZP Partner Arman Berdalin was recommended by *Who's Who Legal: Corporate Governance* as an expert in corporate governance.



“ ANTITRUST (COMPETITION) LAW ”

We actively participated in the drafting of Kazakhstan antitrust (competition) laws.

We are the author of the first scientific monograph on antitrust (competition) law in Kazakhstan.

Who's Who Legal: Competition 2020 publication acknowledged the outstanding expertise of SZP partners Aidyn Bikebayev and Amir Begdesenov in the area of Kazakhstan competition (antitrust) law.



“Has a profound knowledge of competition law, market trends and enforcement practices,” The Legal 500 EMEA.



“A major force in antitrust and competition,” asialaw Profiles.



“Outstanding Law Firm in Competition & Antitrust. Aidyn Bikebayev - leading Lawyer in Competition & Antitrust”, asialaw Profiles.

Year after year, the antitrust practice of Sayat Zholshy & Partners, a leading Kazakhstan law firm incorporated in the form of an attorneys' office, is recognised as the best in the country.

Our antitrust team consists of the most competent experts on antitrust (competition) law.

Aidyn Bikebayev and Amir Begdesenov, leaders of the Firm's Antitrust (Competition) Law practice, are annually recognized by various international legal guides, including *Chambers and Partners*, *Who's Who Legal*, *The Legal500* and *asialaw Profiles*, as the best antitrust and competition experts in Kazakhstan.

SZP Founding and Senior Partner Aidyn Bikebayev held, over the course of his carrier, the post of Vice-Chairman in the Committee for Protection of Competition under the Kazakhstan Ministry of Industry and Trade (Kazakhstan antitrust authority at the time) and the post of Counsel to the Kazakhstan Prime Minister. He also used to perform the functions of the Board Vice Chairman in the Kazakhstan Subsidiary of Sberbank JSC.

Aidyn Bikebayev is the author of a scientific monograph on antitrust law titled “Antitrust Law and Policy in the Republic of Kazakhstan” and a number of other research books. Aidyn also co-authored the Commentary to the Kazakhstan Civil Code (Volume 1) edited by M.K. Suleymenov, a member of the Kazakhstan National Academy of Sciences. Aidyn was involved in numerous working groups drafting various legislative acts, including Tax Code, laws and regulations concerning the protection of competition, advocacy statutes, etc. Aidyn has published over 70 articles and actively commented on articles of other authors published in leading Kazakhstan periodicals.

Aidyn is the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission of the Kazakhstan High Judicial Council and a member of the Social Council of the Kazakhstan Agency for Protection and Development of Competition.

Amir has considerable experience in antitrust law and is actively involved in numerous projects where he represents clients in antitrust authorities and courts, and where he provides general advice on antitrust legal issues. He regularly writes articles and makes presentations on antitrust issues at various conferences and forums.

In 2020, *Who's Who Legal* recommended Aidyn Bikebayev and Amir Begdesenov as acknowledged experts in the fields of unfair competition and antitrust law. Authoritative legal guide *asialaw Profiles 2020* ranked Amir Begdesenov as an Outstanding Practitioner in Antitrust (Competition) Law.

Amir is a member of the Council of the Eurasian Antitrust Association and the Council of the Antitrust Alliance. He also chairs the Council on Identifying and Eliminating Barriers to Entry under the Almaty City Department of the Kazakhstan Agency for Protection and Development of Competition.

“ DISPUTE RESOLUTION ”

The Best Litigation Team by the Annual Forum of Corporate Lawyers four years in a row.



*Particularly recognized for its strength in litigation and arbitration
by Chambers and Partners.*



*“Excellent” and “highly professional” and “very good value for money”
according to The Legal 500 EMEA.*



*“Sayat Zholshy & Partners is a key name for corporate and banking disputes,”
according to The Legal 500 EMEA*

The litigation team of Sayat Zholshy & Partners has many years of unique experience in conducting all aspects of litigation covering courts of all jurisdictions and leading arbitration institutions throughout Kazakhstan.

We are among the top three leading Kazakhstan law firms selected by global and international law firms for representation and defence of their clients in disputes arising in Kazakhstan. We perceive each lawsuit as a work of art. Every second court case supported by our lawyers was unique for Kazakhstan.

On a case-by-case basis, we offer comprehensive solutions tailored to the Client’s needs and specifics, suggest dispute resolution strategy and try to anticipate counteragents’ behavior.

Many partners of Sayat Zholshy & Partners act as permanent arbitrators in the Kazakhstan International Arbitration Court.

We give particular emphasis to disputes with government authorities which are settled, since 1 July 2021, by newly set up specialised interdistrict administrative courts.

Our team demonstrates a profound grasp of administrative justice system and has an extensive experience in resolving the most challenging tax, customs and antitrust disputes.

SZP Managing Partner Vitaliy Vodolazkin, a leader of the Dispute Resolution practice of the Firm, has participated in numerous large litigations in courts of all levels in the Republic of Kazakhstan and represented clients engaged in the phosphorous industry, as well as subsoil users, food producers and other enterprises in connection with unlawful assessment of additional taxes; represented a leading Kazakhstan bank in connection with its projects related to toxic assets, enforcement of outstanding liabilities from clients, protection of shareholders’/participants’ interests, and invalidation of various transactions; represented creditors and debtors in debt settlement proceedings; assisted clients with challenging actions/nonfeasance of tax, customs, antitrust and other government authorities, etc.

In the course of the last 13 years, international legal guides, such as *The Legal 500*, *IFLR1000*, *asialaw Profiles* and *Chambers and Partners*, have continuously recommended Vitaliy as a leading Kazakhstan lawyer. In 2018, Vitaliy was listed by the *Legal 500* in their *Hall of Fame* which includes only a few selected lawyers who are at the peak of their success and whose outstanding professional achievements have been recognised in their home countries.

Along with the litigation practice, Vitaliy actively contributes to the projects involving financial institutions. He has enormous experience in providing legal support to large-size businesses operating in food, agriculture, energy, education and finance sectors. He has resolved a great deal of corporate disputes.



LABOUR LAW / LICENSES AND REGULATORY PERMITS / FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT

SZP Labour Law practice is one of the most advanced and developed.

Our attorneys and lawyers participated in the Kazakhstan Labour Code drafting. Our Firm provides a wide array of services in this area of law.

We also assist our Clients in obtaining and maintaining licenses and other regulatory permits, consents and notices.

In 2013, Sayat Zholshy & Partners, on the commission of the World Bank, drafted the Kazakhstan Law *On Permits and Notices* and substantial amendments to other relevant legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Labour Law practice leaders Dmitriy Chumakov and Aidos Kusainov have been recognised by the legal professional community as competent labour law experts. Dmitriy actively participated in the working group established by the Kazakhstan Ministry of Labour and Social Security to draft the new Labour Code.

SZP attorneys and lawyers continuously act as speakers, moderators and participants of various workshops, webinars and training courses devoted to labour law issues. Our Labour Law team focuses on the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of Kazakhstan employers.

It is worth noting that the Kazakhstan licensing and authorisation framework is premised on the Kazakhstan Law *On Permits and Notices* which encapsulates all licensing and authorisation regulations. While working on the draft law *On Permits and Notices*, the Firm's task force had a chance to make acquaintance and liaise with nearly all licensing authorities, thus adding more insight into the weaknesses of the licensing and authorisation framework.

We participated in the Kazakhstan Labour Code drafting.

We successfully advised hundreds of major companies on numerous employment issues and defended their interests in courts, prosecution authorities and labour inspectorates.



INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS / PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

“In the context of the new economic policy of Kazakhstan, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements are vital to the development of infrastructure in the country. We successfully supported numerous infrastructure projects across the Republic of Kazakhstan.”

One of the top priorities of the Kazakhstan-2050 Strategy is active engagement of the business community in cooperation with the government aimed at finding the best solutions to social and economic problems on the principles of a public-private partnership and implementing the “strong business, strong government” idea.

Public-Private Partnership is a cooperative arrangement between the public and private sectors, typically of a mid- or long-term nature, used to finance, build and operate infrastructure and socially important projects on the principles of balanced distribution of risks, benefits, costs, rights and obligations.

Sayat Zholshy & Partners keeps abreast of the times and has accumulated enormous experience in supporting the projects that use PPP mechanisms.

In the light of active promotion of a PPP approach in Kazakhstan, the number of our clients interested in this form of cooperation between the public and private sectors is steadily growing. The most popular services include legal advice, project support, legal due diligence, etc.

Serious engagement between business and government pushed up demand for experts and lawyers specialising in this form of public-private relationship who would know all the ins and outs of such collaboration.

Dmitriy Chumakov and Gulmira Abenova, leaders of the Firm’s Infrastructure Projects/PPP practice, have managed to bring together the best specialists in this area of law who are capable of providing highly competitive and professional services to major Kazakhstan and international companies investing and participating in large-scale PPP projects in Kazakhstan.

For our active participation in PPP projects, the SZP team has received a letter of gratitude from the Kazakhstan Public-Private Partnership Centre JSC. The team headed by Dmitriy Chumakov and Gulmira Abenova has accumulated enormous experience in supporting the projects that use PPP mechanisms.

TAX LAW

Tax practice is one of Sayat Zholshy & Partners' priority services relying on long-term experience and profound specialisation of our attorneys and lawyers in this area of law. Sayat Zholshy & Partners' team has all necessary capabilities and resources to offer our Clients a full range of tax-related services and legal

assistance in various spheres of business, including, but not limited to, M&A transactions, cross-border transactions, dealings with non-residents, double-tax treaties applicability, transfer pricing, investments, financial leasing, subsoil use, etc.

The Firm's Tax Law practice is headed by Rustam Ospanov and Yelena Tyureikina. Their team extensively advises on all sorts of tax-related issues and successfully defends the rights and legitimate interests of taxpayers in administrative and judicial proceedings. Rustam acted as a legal counsel to a major Kazakhstan bank and a number of leading phosphorous and energy companies in connection with the liquidation thereof. He has a wide experience in structuring and implementing mergers and acquisitions in compliance with the requirements of tax, corporate and antitrust laws and regulations.

The Legal 500 EMEA ranked Rustam and Yelena as Leading Lawyers in Tax & Customs. Clients praise Yelena for her "profound knowledge of Kazakhstan tax legislation", "commitment" and "readiness to help clients" and characterise her as a leader of her profession and very well versed in tax law. Clients also value Yelena for her "deep insight into a problem, high-quality legal opinion and advice, and helpful recommendations and suggestions on the most effective resolution of tax disputes". "Her key distinctive features are thoroughness and efficiency."

Yelena's tax practice is broad-based and encompasses advice on various taxation issues, corporate tax planning, pre-assessment of transactions with regard to tax implications, consulting on transaction structuring in terms of tax optimisation (including foreign jurisdictions), legal support of clients in connection with tax audits and challenging of audit procedures and/or findings in higher-level tax authorities, and successful representation of clients in courts in connection with tax disputes.

"Sayat Zholshy & Partners" has a highly professional and strong tax practice with expertise in transactions, double-tax treaties and transfer pricing,"

The Legal 500 EMEA

Sayat Zholshy & Partners is recommended by Chambers and Partners as a leading counsel in tax law

Tax Team of the Year by the Annual Forum of Corporate Lawyers

Sayat Zholshy & Partners is notable for its "ability to offer out-of-the-box and efficient solutions". It has "a profound knowledge of tax and customs laws". "The Firm offers a full range of tax-related services, including tax optimisation, transaction structuring and representation in courts, in which they are particularly strong," The Legal 500





"The Firm is renowned for its strong IP and Dispute Resolution practice,"
asialaw Profiles



"Sayat Zholshy & Partners is recommended for its IP litigation practice. SZP lawyers have experience in "successful handling of anti-counterfeiting actions" and "advising telecom companies on various matters," The Legal 500

INTELLECTUAL

PROPERTY

Our professionals have extensive experience in handling intellectual property matters and providing services to a great number of national and international companies.

Sayat Zholshy & Partners has a unique combination of

patent lawyers and attorneys enabling us to effectively defend IP interests of our Clients in various government authorities (e.g. justice, economic investigation, antitrust and other authorities) and courts.

Amir Begdesenov, a leader of the Firm's IP practice, is a recommended expert in intellectual property matters. He renders legal support to our Clients in connections with innumerable issues arising from their intellectual property rights, including, but not limited to, legal advice, trademark registration, out-of-court and litigation settlements (including government audits and judicial defence). He regularly writes articles and makes presentations on IP matters at various conferences and forums.

Amir's clientele includes Kazakhstan and international companies operating in various sectors of economy, including tobacco, non-alcoholic beverages, healthcare, TMT, powers, etc.

In 2019, patent attorney Leila Azimova joined the SZP's Intellectual Property team.

Leila is certified as a patent attorney of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She is authorised to deal with any intellectual property rights whatsoever. Her IP experience spans over 25 years. Leila renders legal advice on various issues arising out of the use, security and protection of IP rights (e.g. trademarks, copyrights and neighbouring rights). Furthermore, Leila conducts IP audits and handles the registration of IP assets with the Customs Intellectual Property Register which is required for the monitoring of import transactions and execution of various agreements (e.g. license, copyright and franchise agreements) subject to registration with government authorities. Leila also specialises in transaction structuring and legal support of Clients in connection with the protection of their intellectual property rights.



TECHNICAL REGULATION AND CERTIFICATION

Our extensive and advanced experience of advising manufacturing and production companies operating in various sectors of economy (e.g. oil & gas, power, food, communications and data transmission, agriculture, etc.) with regard to the conformance of their products to national technical regulations and international standards proves that there is a long overdue need to create a separate area of practice which would gather together the relevant experience. of our Firm for the last few years for the sake of our

Clients' production improvement and quality enhancement.

We have a clear vision and understanding of the current regulations and procedures which allow us to advise across a whole range of issues related to the conformance of products manufactured in Kazakhstan and/or released for circulation in the EEU markets to the Kazakhstan national requirements, Customs Union technical regulations and international standards.

Dmitriy Chumakov and Gulmira Abenova, leaders of the Firm's Technical Regulation and Certification practice were the first in Kazakhstan who, having realised the high potential and great demand for services in this area of law, used their best endeavors to single out the technical regulation and certification of production/distribution/services/processes in a separate area of practice. SZP team provided legal support to many manufacturing companies who needed to assess their products conformity to national and international standards. Prior to joining SZP, Dmitriy Chumakov headed the Legal Service of the Kazakhstan Institute for Standardisation and Certification and participated in the work of the Eurasian Economic Union bodies as an expert from the Kazakhstan side.

In spite of the fact that this area of practice evolved quite recently, SZP team headed by Dmitriy and Gulmira have accumulated considerable experience in advising major processing and manufacturing companies operating in all sectors of economy, including oil and gas, power, food, telecommunications and agriculture, on the issues of their products conformance to technical regulations and international standards.

Clear vision and profound understanding of the current technical regulations and procedures allow SZP specialists to provide highly professional legal advice on the full range of issues relating to the conformance of goods produced in Kazakhstan and/or released to the markets of the Eurasian Economic Union to the national and/or international standards and/or Customs Union technical regulations.

“Sayat Zholshy & Partners is the first Kazakhstan law firm who has singled out the technical regulation and certification of production/distribution/services/processes in a separate area of practice.

We provided legal support to many manufacturing companies who needed to assess their products conformity to national and international standards”



LAWMAKING

PRACTICE



"Responsive" and "understanding the legislative drafting process very well", with the services and results being "extremely good", asialaw Profiles

Our team can boast of drafting dozens of the most vital laws for the country, including at the commission of the World Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Over many years of legal practice in various areas of law we got convinced that we would never excel above our peers if we did not take part in the improvement of the national legal framework.

Kazakhstan is a relatively young state where the regulatory framework is still in the process of formation and on-going improvement. Our Clients, no less than ourselves, feel the urge for development of new laws and regulations. In some cases it is dictated by the need to implement new investment projects and in other cases - by the purposeful promotion of legislative reforms aimed at harmonization of Kazakhstan law with generally accepted international standards.

It is worth noting that the activity connected with new legislation development and support is rather specific and requires specific knowledge and mentality that are not commonly found in general practitioners.

We are very proud to have been trusted with the involvement in drafting of numerous laws and regulations in a wide variety of domains.

Each project required entirely different approach. In most cases, we provided comprehensive support starting with building a concept of a legislative act and finishing with supporting the procedure for adoption of such act by the competent authority (Parliament, Government or Ministry).

Altogether our team participated in the development of 30 law drafts and over 150 regulatory acts adopted by the Government and Ministries. At Clients' requests we also provided legal support to lawmaking process at certain stages, e.g. primary development of a law draft, approval of a law draft by Parliament, etc.

The SZP Lawmaking practice is supervised and developed by SZP Senior Partner Arman Berdalin and SZP Partner Dmitriy Chumakov. In fact, Arman Berdalin is a member of the Interdepartmental Lawdrafting Committee of the Kazakhstan Government.

Lawmaking requires specific knowledge, experience and mentality. We are very proud to have been trusted with the involvement in drafting of numerous laws and regulations in a wide variety of vital domains. Please view the detailed list of laws drafted with the active involvement of Arman Berdalin and Dmitriy Chumakov at www.szp.kz



BANKRUPTCY, REHABILITATION AND OTHER DEBT SETTLEMENT

Sayat Zholshy & Partners has broad experience in providing support for the restructuring and rehabilitation of businesses in Kazakhstan.

We offer comprehensive legal support through rehabilitation and bankruptcy proceedings for both sides - the debtors and the creditors.

In the last few years, our lawyers assisted with the rehabilitation and management of a number of unique enterprises operating in retail, power, cinema distribution, construction, mineral resources management and other key sectors of the Kazakhstan economy. We also represented creditors in the compulsory liquidation of a bank.

Arguably, the Kazakhstan rehabilitation and bankruptcy law is the most intricate in the country. However, our enormous enforcement practice accumulated during 20 years allows for expedient solution of Clients' problems.

For years Sayat Zholshy & Partners has been constantly recommended by reputable international rating agencies, such as *Chambers and Partners*, *The Legal 500* and *asialaw Profiles*, as one of the best in resolving disputes, including those that involve rehabilitation and bankruptcy in Kazakhstan.

In the course of the last 13 years, international legal guides *Chambers and Partners*, *The Legal 500* and *asialaw Profiles* have continuously recommended SZP Senior Partner Vitaliy Vodolazkin, a leader of the Firm's Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy practice, as a leading Kazakhstan lawyer.

Furthermore, the aforementioned legal guides distinguished Vitaliy as a *Ranked Individual* in Dispute Resolution, including Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy. In 2018, Vitaliy was listed by the *Legal 500* in their *Hall of Fame* which includes only a few selected lawyers who are at the peak of their success and whose outstanding professional achievements have been recognised in their home countries.



FAMILY LAW

Sayat Zholshy & Partners has a team of dexterous counsellors and skilled advocates specialising in family law issues. We have been leading this feature segment of the Kazakhstan legal services market for years.

Over the years, we have succeeded in advising and supporting our clients (including a number of VIPs) with regard to such issues as international marriage; distribution of marital property; determination of the place of residence for underage children, the procedure for their communication with a separated

parent and the procedure for their upbringing and support; and, of course, divorce.

The SZP Family Law team handles many cases complicated by foreign citizen involvement, including, but not limited to, the cases for division of marital property located outside Kazakhstan across multiple jurisdictions, headline-making and high-profile cases under public scrutiny, and dealing with mass media that require specific knowledge, skills and expertise. Confidentiality is our top priority.

The Firm's Family Law practice is supervised by Partner Dmitry Chumakov whose team consists of seven highly experienced lawyers capable of ensuring an effective defence of Client's interests. The team's clientele includes foreign nationals, famous celebrities, politicians, businessmen and other public figures.

During many years of hard work the SZP portfolio has been extended by a number of sensational divorce cases. Dmitry's team specialises in headline-making and high-profile cases under public scrutiny. Over the time, the team worked out their own techniques for dealing with mass media and safeguarding our clients' right to personal and family privacy.

Our lawyers and attorneys have developed and tested unique approaches at the confluence of psychology and law to resolving the most challenging marital and child custody disputes. Our team knows perfectly well that successful development of the Family Law practice to a large extent depends on the improvement of applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, Dmitry Chumakov takes an active part in, and makes an invaluable contribution to, all the discussions concerning the improvement of Kazakhstan law on a regular basis.



CRIMINAL LAW

PRACTICE

“Licensed attorneys with fluent English. Top-notch education. Extensive experience in economic criminal law. Multifaceted defence approach. Excellent criminal defense capabilities. Solid local legal background.”

Sayat Zholshy & Partners is a well-established team of attorneys with mature practices and extensive experience in defending clients’ interests. The attorney status of our partners allows them to defend criminal cases regardless of a defendant’s rank ranging from common citizens to business executives.

Having an ample business support experience, our attorneys’ office specialises in the defence of our clients charged with economic or corruption criminal activity.

The Criminal Law practice has always been a constituent part of the Firm’s advocacy practice. Since our inception, we have rendered legal assistance to many foreign and Kazakhstan businessmen and officers of major companies in connection with allegations of criminal offences.

Nowadays, the Criminal Law practice is a self-sustaining and fully-fledged line of SZP services being continuously developed and attracting a great deal of Clients’ interest.

The Firm’s Criminal Law practice is headed by SZP Senior Partner Rustam Ospanov who, together with his team, has what it takes to successfully defend criminal cases, in particular:

- licenses to defend criminal cases in court and to represent Clients in front of prosecution authorities;
 - skills and capabilities to defend and represent Clients in criminal proceedings;
 - vast experience defending Clients in criminal proceedings;
 - profound knowledge of the fundamental laws of business; and
 - fluency in English and other languages that ensures unimpeded and trustful communication with Clients.
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KEY PERSONS OF THE FIRM



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Dispute Resolution. Finance and Securities
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Yelena Tyureikina was recommended by The Legal 500 EMEA as a leading lawyer in the Tax & Customs area. The Legal 500 EMEA 2018 noted Yelena for her "profound knowledge of Kazakhstan tax legislation", "commitment" and "readiness to help clients".

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